

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE
109TH CONGRESS

A RESOLUTION

Offered by MR. HALL

Be it resolved by the Committee on Energy and Commerce, that the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the One Hundred Eighth Congress are adopted as the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the One Hundred Ninth Congress, with amendments to the standing rules as provided in section 2.

SEC. 2. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE RULES.

(a) Procedural matters.

(1) In Rule 4(a), add at the end the following:

“(3) Motions. Pursuant to clause 1(a)(2) of rule XI of the Rules of the House, privileged motions to recess from day to day, or recess subject to the call of the Chair (within 24 hours), and to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution if printed copies are available shall be decided without debate.”

(2) Amend Rule 4(c) to read as follows:

“(1) Questioning Witnesses. The right to interrogate the witnesses before the Committee or any of its subcommittees shall alternate between majority and minority members. Each member shall be limited to 5 minutes in the interrogation of witnesses until such time as each member who so desires has had an opportunity to question witnesses. No member shall be recognized for a second period of 5 minutes to interrogate a witness until each member of the Committee present has been recognized once for that purpose. While the Committee or subcommittee is operating under the 5-minute rule for the interrogation of witnesses, the chairman shall recognize in order of appearance members who were not present when the meeting was called to order after all members who were present when the meeting was called to order have been recognized in the order of seniority on the Committee or subcommittee, as the case may be.

(2) Questions for the Record. Each member may submit to the Chairman of the Committee or the subcommittee additional questions for the record, to be answered by

the witnesses who have appeared. Each member shall provide a copy of the questions in an electronic format to the clerk of the Committee no later than ten business days following a hearing. The Chairman shall transmit all questions received from members of the Committee or the subcommittee to the appropriate witness, and include the transmittal letter and the responses from the witnesses in the hearing record.”